

India's Share in Global Trade

4148. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the steps Government have taken or propose to take to achieve at least one per cent share of global trade at US \$ 75 billion, by 2005 under new Exim Policy 2001-2002;

(b) in what manner Government propose to boost Indian exports under the present export schemes and ensure that cost of export duties may also come down substantially; and

(c) whether Government propose to try and emulate China's export performances so as to ensure that our performance be boosted through greater openness now onwards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH):

(a) Export promotion being a constant endeavour of the Government, a number of initiatives and promotional measures have been undertaken. Measures announced in the new Exim Policy 2001-2002 *inter alia* include promotion of agricultural exports, measures related to Special Economic Zones, market access initiative scheme, setting up business cum trade facilitation centre and trade portal, strengthening of the Advance Licensing Scheme, policies related to Duty Free Replenishment Certificate (DFRC), Duty Entitlement Pass Book Scheme (DEPB), etc.

(b) and (c) Besides the policies announced in the new Exim Policy for the export promotion, a number of steps have been taken to further enhance the export growth which include reduction in transaction costs through decentralisation, simplification of procedures and various other measures as enumerated in the Exim Policy. Steps have also been taken to promote exports through multilateral and bilateral initiatives, identification of thrust sectors and focus regions and increasing role of State Governments. Special Economic Zones are being set up to further boost exports. Such measures in the export sector aim at enhancing the

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competitiveness of Indian exports in order to effectively counter the competition from our close competitors including China.

Setting up of "India House" to promote Trade/Exports

4149. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an "India House" at strategically located places all over the World so that exporters are in a better position to display their products, have buyer-seller meets and also get feed back about the requirements in that particular region both quality-wise/quantity-wise of exports/imports in the countries; and

(b) if not, what remedial steps Government propose to take in the interest of Indian Industries to ensure that Indian goods be able to compete well with freely imported foreign items under WTO agreement both in quality and price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) Under the Market Access Initiative Scheme it is envisaged to assist Trade Promotion Organisations and exporters, *inter alia*, for setting up infrastructural facilities in the form of showrooms etc. for selected consumer items at strategically located places in different countries to be identified on the basis of market studies.

Export and Import with China

4150. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the comparative figures of total and bilateral trade (export-import) of India and China during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001?